The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 02/17/2010 has been considered by the examiner.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1 and 51-102 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Reasons for allowance are provided in the previous notice for allowance dated 02/02/2010.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tom Y. Lu whose telephone number is (571) 272-7393. The examiner can normally be reached on 9AM -5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Bella can be reached on (571) 272-7778. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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